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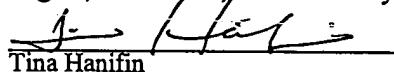
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: McInerney et al.
Serial No: 09/556,280
Filed: April 24, 2000
For: PORTABLE AUTHENTICATION DEVICE AND METHOD OF
AUTHENTICATING PRODUCTS OR PRODUCT PACKAGING
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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to an examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification

On page 1, after the title and prior to "Field of the Invention," insert:

Cross-Reference to Related Applications

This application claims benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/193,158, filed March 28, 2000, titled "Portable Authentication Device and Method of Authenticating Products or Product Packaging" and U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/144,544, filed July 16, 1999, titled "Portable Authentication Device and Method of Authenticating Products or Product Packaging."--

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request entry of this preliminary amendment prior to an examination on the merits. No new matter has been entered.

Applicants believe this case to be in condition for allowance and such allowance is
courteously solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,



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